



MINUTES
CITY OF CONVERSE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2018 – 7:00 PM

Be It Known That the City Council of the City Of Converse Will Meet for a Regular Meeting at the City Council Chambers at 402 South Seguin Street on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 7:00 PM. A quorum of the following commissions may be present: Building & Standards, Economic Development Corporation, Historic Preservation Commission, Keep Converse Beautiful, Parks & Environmental Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission and the Ethics Review Board.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 PM
2. **INVOCATION:** *Councilwoman Kate Silvas*
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** To the U.S. & Texas Flag led by Mayor Suarez
4. **ROLL CALL & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM & RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

Mayor Suarez
MPT Councilman Jeff Beehler, Place 5
Councilwoman Kathy Richel, Place 1
Councilwoman Deborah James Place 2

Councilwoman Shawn Russell, Place 3
Councilwoman Kate Silvas, Place 4
Councilman Marc Gilbert, Place 6

Ms. Le Ann Piatt, City Manager
Mr. Manny Longoria, Assistant City Manager
Ms. Holly Nagy, City Secretary

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting of November 20, 2018.
- B. Accept Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of October 3, 2018.
- C. Accept Minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting of October 15, 2018.

MPT Beehler made a motion to approve Items 5 A-C, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Russell. The motion passed with one abstention.

Councilwoman James abstained from Items B & C due to not being present.

6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

- A. Recognition of Chris Clark for his Dedication and Service to the City of Converse as Councilmember Place 2.
(Mayor Suarez)

7. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

This time is provided for Citizens to address City Council on any issues and concerns. No City Council discussion or action can be taken if the item is not on the Agenda. Please limit your remarks to three (3) minutes and state your name and address for the record. No personal attacks shall be allowed.

Please note you will be videotaped for the record and as a reminder this meeting is streamed "Live" on the Converse Website.

- Dennis James

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Reappoint Patrick O'Leary as a Member to the Building & Standards Commission. (City Manager)

Councilwoman Russell made a motion to approve the reappointment of Patrick O'Leary. Councilwoman Silvas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Proposed Ordinance No. 712 -16-2018 Establishing and Implementing a Program to Charge Mitigation Rates for the Deployment of Emergency and Non-Emergency Services. (First Reading)(City Manager)

Councilwoman Russell made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 712-16-2018, Councilwoman Silvas seconded the motion. The motion passed (6:1) with Councilwoman James against.

9. CITY COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS:

- A. City Commission Liaison Reports.
B. City Manager's Report & Discussion of Future Agenda Items/Items of Interest.
- 2015 City Bond Proposition Status/Updates, City Commission Openings.
C. Councilmember's Reports/Items of Interest.
D. Mayor's Report/Items of Interest/Council Liaison assignments.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Executive Session in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act 551.074, CLOSED MEETING (public hearing may be requested by the public officer or employee under consideration): PERSONNEL MATTERS (1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or (2) to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee – City Council Member Deborah James – Violations of the Converse City Charter Section 2.07 – Prohibitions, C. Interference with Administration. (Mayor Suarez) (Councilwoman Russell)(Councilman Beehler)

Councilwoman James requested this item be heard in open session. Lynette Perez, legal counsel for Councilwoman James was present.

Discussion ensued.

Councilwoman Russell made a motion to censure Councilwoman James for interference with administration and requests an apology to the officers involved. MPT Beehler seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

For: Mayor Suarez, MPT Beehler, Councilmembers, Russell, Gilbert, Richel, Silvas

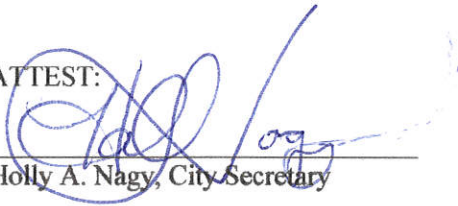
Abstained: Councilwoman James.

The motion passed with Councilwoman James abstaining.

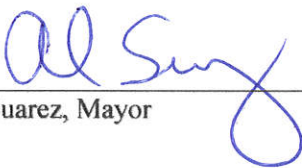
11. **ADJOURNMENT:** 8:35 PM

PASSED and APPROVED this the 15th day of January, 2019

ATTEST:



Holly A. Nagy, City Secretary



Al Suarez, Mayor